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22. DETAILS: 1. (U) On 17 SEP 1977 (Infantry Day) Brigadier General Jorge MARADONA, Commander of the VIII Mountain Infantry Brigade, announced that troops from his organization in Tucuman were returning to their garrisons near Mendoza. Elements of the VIII Brigade have been supporting General Bussi's V Brigade in Tucuman since Feb. 1975. During a ceremony in the Provincial Capital, BG Bussi praised the VIII Brigade troops and presented General MARADONA with a momento of a captured guerrilla weapon. Units of the VIII Brigade that participated in the Tucuman Campaign consisted of elements of the 16th Mountain Infantry Regiment, 8th Mountain Artillery Bn., 8th Mountain Engineer Company, 8th Mountain Arsenales Company, Medical Company, 141 ADA Bn, 11th Mountain Infantry Regiment, Ski Company and the 141 Artillery Command.

2. (U) Tucuman military authorities pointed out that the return of the VIII Brigade Troops to Mendoza did not signify the end of "Operation Independence", the name given to the anti-subversive campaign in Tucuman. On the contrary, V Brigade troops would pick up the slack and continue to maintain peace in the province.

COMMENT: ~~(C)~~ It is significant that the VIII Brigade units have stood down and are redeploying to their home garrisons. Terrorist action in Tucuman in recent months has been almost non-existent. It certainly appears that the Army views the situation as significantly improved since it is pulling some troops out of the field. Bussi and crew have been extremely successful in pacifying the province of Tucuman and carrying out civic action programs in the community. Based on the success achieved, the Army is justified in returning VIII Brigade troops to their home stations. (b)(3):10 USC 424

COMMENT: ~~(C)~~ It should be noted that although the flags of the VIII Mountain Brigade troops have been in Tucuman for the duration of the countersubversive campaign, the troops within the units have been rotated many times. This has been an excellent training ground for the Argentine Army which now can boost of a broad base of combat experienced junior officers and NCO's for the first time in almost 100 years.

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